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Identical DIN standards were generally in force in East Germany
lubricants or fuels which did not come up to DIN standards were traded with a
rebate. With fixed prices existing in East Germany, products not
coming up to DIN standards were not allowed to be sold at reduced prices in East
Germany. There were, however, cases where plants were unable to produce products
coming up to DIN standards owing to deficiencies of the available raw materials or
the technological installations of the plants. The Mineral Oil Department of the State
Secretariat for Chemistry would then grant extraordinary authorizations, i.e. allow
DIN standards to be deviated from, thus making it possible for DHZ-KM¹ to accept these
products at full price. When DHZ-KM was in possession of this authorization, it was
entitled to deliver products not up to DIN standards to consumers at full price.

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